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The airfield of BOBRUISK (29°13'E/53°8'N), White Russian SSR, was west of the suburb of BEREZINA, from which it was separated by the BOBRUISK-GLUSK (28°40'E/52°54'N) road. The village of GRABOV was west of the field. A railroad spur track ran from the BEREZINA railroad station in a southwesterly direction for about five miles (see Annex).

2. The following installations were north of the field:

Three four-story quartering buildings a.

A repair hangar

A water tower with obstacle lights.

The field had a 5,000-foot runway.

The fuel arrived on the spur track on the northern edge of the field. Three trains of 20 railroad tank cars each (capacity per car: 2 cubic meters) were standing there. A nearby underground fuel dump had a capacity of about 800 cubic meters.

- 5. Several radio trucks were parked west of the field.
- 6. The field was occupied by 100 200 planes.

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Comment:

Available information on the field gives the following picture of its reconstruction and occupation:

- a. The reported location southwest of BOBRUISK agrees with previous infor-The heavy occupation concordantly stated by all sources is conmotion. sidered to be confirmed.
- b. The wooden runway which was available during the German occupation still exists. It was apparently supplemented by a second, joining the first at a right angle. The barracks buildings on the northeastern edge of the field, whose number reportedly varies from 3 to 10, were reconditioned and occupied. The information on the field occupation, supplied by sources assigned to

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repair work on the runway, are considered credible. According to this information, the field was apparently occupied by late 1948 by:

Two ground attack regiments, equipped with IL-2s.
Two fighter regiments equipped with single-engine fighters.
One bomber regiment equipped with twin-engine B-25s or Boston-IIIs.
One air transport regiment equipped with LI-2s for parachute training.
Also some four-engine transport aircraft were possibly available.*

c. The group parachuting reported by all sources exceeds routine pilot training and indicates the presence at the field of a parachute training center.

1 Annex: Airfield of BOBRUISK

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